

# KC DX NEWS

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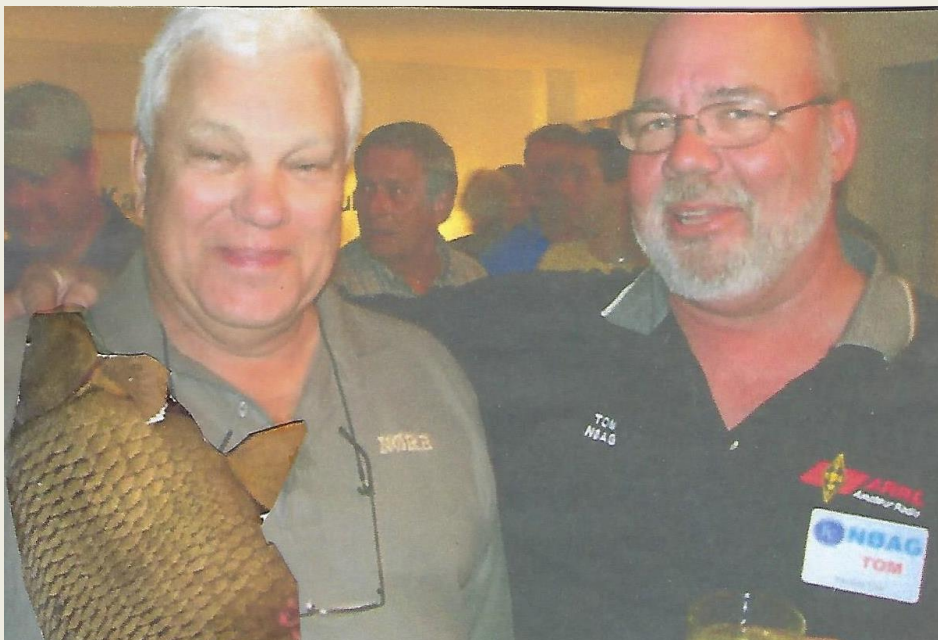
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## NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Sept. 24

Our next meeting is on Sept. 24, at JOCO Library at 6PM on 87<sup>th</sup> St. Our program will be by K3PA on Power Line Noise. The program will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the KCDXC meeting.

## NØAG WINS 2018 KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT!



Tom Laux won the annual KCDXC Carp Tournament on Sept. 8, with a 19 lb. 7 oz. Carp. The pic on the left shows Tom with his carp slung over the shoulder of his brother, NØRB, at the after party at the Holiday Inn Express in Bonner Springs. NØAG was so proud of his big catch he carried it around with him the entire night. KØLW finished second in the tourney with a 12 pound 2 oz. carp. KØVBU finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition and AAØMZ shot two large water snakes. A total of 127 people participated in the Carp Tourney, 14 cases of beer were consumed and for a change, no one was arrested.

For details on the new KCDXC Rock Skipping Contest see page 3.

## KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	RTTY	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
N0XA	356	353	355	312		315	85	3066(S.K.)
AB0X	357	353	349	230		221	23	2280
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	324		103		2624
NX0I	350	348	347	242		208		2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	347	333			33		1352
K3PA	349	347	344	314		152	36	2673
KS0DX	347	318	347	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	347	334	330	255	172	138	2	2267
K0GY	344	340	344	277			5	2300
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	333	205	331	112	149	17		1348
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K4SX	326	269	314	146		52		1617
W0FS	322	270	295		657	181		1770
W0MB	322	194	320	230	143	1		1163
K0AP	316	307	297	230	657			1968
AA0MZ	309	292	287	208	532	44	20	1825
AC0C	302	292	233	220	79	87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	247	215	193	14				887
W0DR	220	29	144	3		5	4	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
WD0SRI	102	6	55			1	1	102
KR0CK	57	2	53			1	1	57

\*Red listing indicates Top of the Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Please only one update a month.

## MORE ON KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT:



*Rock Skipping Contest Winner, NX0I, is shown above in a brief period of deep meditation, just before the competition began! Jerry, said his win, "Proves DXers Understand Skip!"*

***CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2019!!***

*The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2019! W0ZAP has volunteered to take over the job of Room Manager for the KCDXC. Rick will be working with AB0X this year to learn the details of the job. THANKS, Rick!*

*The cost for rooms for 2019 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact W0ZAP at [rickp098@gmail.com](mailto:rickp098@gmail.com), to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2019. Contact [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) if you have any questions. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2019.*

The KCDXC instituted a new competition, a Rock Skipping Contest, this year following the annual Carp Tourney. The contest had three categories: OM, YL and Youth class in our first year of competition. The contest is simple: throwers try to make a rock skip the most times across the surface of the beautiful Kansas River. All throwers have to use rocks found on the banks of the river. The YL category was won by WA0WOF. Kay's max throw skipped 9 times across the water. Kay credited her success to experience she gained by throwing rocks at boys in grade school. N0YL, Stephanie Liebling, finished a close second with 7 skips. The OM category was won by NX0I who scored 13 clean skips. AC0C got second place with a throw of 11 skips and K0AP finished in third place with 9 skips. AB0X's granddaughter, Avery, won the Youth class with 5 skips. The average was 5 skips by throwers. 37 members participated. W0DR did a beautiful job with the official scoring and organization for the event.

August 27, 2018

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



The August meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU at 6:02 pm CDT (August 27, 2018 - 2302UTC).

### Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- Ham History Rob Maberry, KE5BR
- DXing and Contesting
- Kansas QSO Party
- View of Antenna Propagation, DaveFisher, W7FB

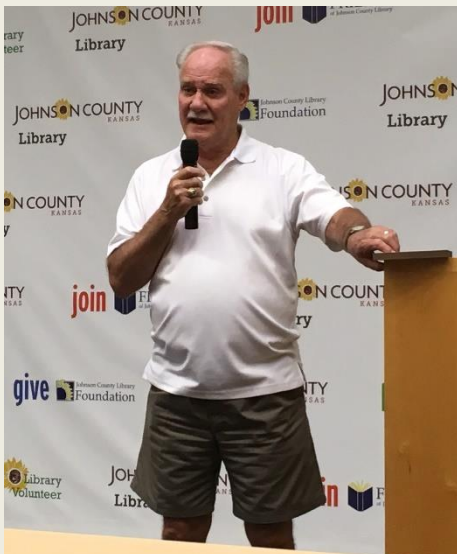
### Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. KA3MM, Joe Bennett introduced himself as a guest.

We talked briefly about experiences during the Kansas QSO Party in August.

Russ, K0VXU expressed concern for club member, Don, W0XE, who was in the hospital.

### Ham History, Rob Maberry KE5BR



Rob gave a very entertaining talk about some of the special people and special contacts he has had encountered over the years.

One was with Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. Barry and Rob discussed Barry's two element cubical quad and how he had built it. After a couple of weeks, a large package of drawings addressed from the US Senate arrived describing how to build it.



Another was about a ham he met when he moved to Olathe, Steve Moore who turned out to be a police officer and he had further contact with him later in his ham career.

He had a long on-air conversation with G4PSH, Terry Owen one day. Later Rob and his wife had the opportunity to visit Terry in England and stay with him and his family. They have become good friends.

Rob had a QSO with a ham, KA2GEH, who was a Boeing 727 captain. About 20 years later, Rob was on a flight in a 727 and the captain made an voice announcement. Rob recognized the voice and told the flight attendant he would like to talk to the captain. At the end of the flight, he and the captain had a cup of coffee and the captain was surprised that Rob remembered the QSO. Rob told him it was because of the QSL card which had a drawing of a 727 in flight on it.

He had a QSO with VU2JJQ and they talked about tornados in the US. Sometime after the contact Rob received a hand painted papaya leaf commemorating their QSO.

## DXing and Contesting

### DXing for September

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Highlights were EX0PL, Kyrgyzstan and VK9XT,Christmas Island.

### Contesting for September

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

Highlights reported were QSO Parties for Colorado, Alabama, Tennessee, Iowa, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Texas and the Washington State Salmon Run. The All Asia DX, SSB contest was the first weekend in September. The FOC QSO Party and CQ World Wide DX, RTTY round it out.

## Program

Dave Fisher, W7FB, gave a technical talk on antenna propagation.

Part I was called The Birefringent Ionosphere. *Birefringence* is the optical property of a material having a refractive index that depends on the polarization and propagation direction of light. Dave discussed this property in relation to the ionosphere and the propagation of radio waves in it.

Part II was called Optimum Height for Horizontally Polarized Antennas. He showed several charts showing optimum heights of antennas that were different than what you might expect. He offered a three BASIC programs to calculate elevation paths for antennas. Ask him for them if you are interested. He gave us a reference to the book Propagation and Radio Science (ARRL 277) by KL7AJ.

He planned Part III Comment on Ohms Law but ran out of time.

## Announcements

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles Hett KCDX Club Secretary

DX NEWS & VIEWS

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## VP6D Ducie Island DXpedition

20<sup>th</sup> October- 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 OC-182

### About Ducie Island



Ducie Island, a rarely visited island atoll, has been part of the Pitcairn Islands since 1902, there are no permanent inhabitants, nor is there any scheduled transportation to the island. Ducie is a designated "Protected Marine Area", landing on the island requires permission, payment of a per person fee, and a visa.

The atoll is located 540 km east of Pitcairn at 24°40'09"S, 124°47'11"W and has a total area, including the lagoon, of 3.9 km<sup>2</sup>. It is 2.4 km long, northeast to southwest, and about 1.6 km wide. There are four islets on the rim of the atoll:

- Acadia Islet (largest islet, along the north and east rim)
- Pandora Islet (second largest, in the south)
- Edwards Islet (immediately east of Pandora Islet)
- Westward Islet (smallest, west of Pandora Islet)

The land area is 0.7 km<sup>2</sup>. The maximum elevation is 4 m. 70 percent of the land is forested with *Tournefortia Argentea* (a common tree throughout much of the Pacific Ocean), which grows to a height of 6 m.

Portuguese sailor Pedro Fernandez de Quiros discovered Ducie on January 26, 1606 and named it La Encarnación. It was later rediscovered by the British in 1791 by Captain Edward Edwards who commanded the Pandora while searching for the mutineers from the Bounty. Ducie Island is named after Baron Francis Ducie, a captain in the Royal Navy. The island was claimed in 1867 for the United States under the Guano Islands Act and the UK annexed the island in 1902.

Ducie became a [DXCC country on November 16th 2001](#) and the first expedition was led by Kan, JA1BK in March 2002 using the VP6DI callsign. One year later, in March 2003, Kan again operated with the help of PIARA as [VP6DIA](#) from this atoll. The most recent major DX-pedition was VP6DX in 2008.

#### OTHER DX:

3B8, MAURITIUS (Reminder). Hans, PA3HGT, is now active as 3B8/PA3HGT from Mauritius (AF-049) until September 24th. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/10 meters using mostly SSB, and possibly some Digital modes. Equipment will be an Icom IC7100 into an End-Fed antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. No LOTW or eQSL; he prefers a real card!

3DA0, KINGDOM OF ESWATINI (Swaziland) [Two Edited Press Releases, dated September

12th and 15th]. 3DA0AO Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland), by HA5AO. \* September 12th - On Thursday Sept. 13, 2018, Pista, HA5AO, will leave Budapest for the Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) and arrive on the 14th, late afternoon. He will set up the station on Saturday Sept. 15th. He plans to enter the: Africa All Mode International DX Contest, Single-Operator, All-Band, High-Power CW only category, which is held this weekend (September 15-16th). The contest rules can be found at: <http://www.sarl.org.za/Web3/Members/DoDocDownload.aspx?X=201712180812348XdiUz5yFy.PDF>

Station setup: Elecraft K3s, KPA-500 power amplifier and vertical antenna. He will be active until the end of September mostly on CW, RTTY and FT8 (only Fox / Hound mode, please only use WSJT-X Version 1.9.x. After the contest, if the Internet is available the log will be uploaded in real time to the Log Search and OQRS system at <HA5AO.com>. QSL via HA5AO. Please do not send your QSL via Bureau, use the OQRS system for confirmation via the Bureau.

Pista continues his humanitarian fund raising for the orphaned and at risk children of eSwatini. He pays all expenses, travel, accommodation, food, overweight luggage fees, from personal funds.

One hundred percent of your donation is used for humanitarian purposes, food, clothing, and school supplies. Your donation will help change a child's life.

You may use the donate button at <HA5AO.com>.

\* September 15th -- Pista, HA5AO, reports that his planned operation from the Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) is delayed. He and his equipment are in the country, but he was unable to install the antenna. While disappointed, he expects to be on the air by the end of next week (Sept. 21st).

3Y0Z BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (From Bob, K4UEE, dated September 10th). [edited] To the DX Community.... We are happy to announce that our 3Y0Z Bouvet sea container is on its way home. It should arrive in Chicago on September 26th, then be moved to K9CT's QTH shortly thereafter. All associated costs have been paid. Craig, K9CT, says he will get all the loaned items/equipment back to our sponsors quickly and those shipping costs will then be paid.

From my perspective, we will then have all the expenses paid and can determine the amount of refund available to DX Clubs, DX Foundations, Individual supporters and our Team.

As previously mentioned, there will be several options available for everyone to consider when deciding what to do with their refund. PLS QRX! 73, Bob-K4UEE

5H, TANZANIA. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the "Mission Ilembula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between October 24th and November 28th. He plans to be active during his spare time as 5H3MB on various HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at:

<http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm>

<http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qs1%20request.htm>

7P, LESOTHO. Rune, LA7THA, Rune, announced that he is currently building a team for a DXpedition to Lesotho (7P8) to be active during the first part of March 2019. Activity will be approximately 10 days with a focus on the low bands. License application has already been received and the QTH selected. Rune is currently waiting for confirmation, but everything so far looks positive. A Web site will be announced later. He plans to use M00X0's new online/direct upload. QSL via M00X0.

7Q, MALAWI (Reminder). Alex, IW5ELA, will be active as 7Q7ELA from three different



lodges in Malawi between September 17-26th. Operations will be from Game Have Lodge (September 17-20th), Mvuu Camp (September 20-23rd) and Makokola Retreat (September 23-26th). This will be a suitcase operation using a Yaesu FT-857 transceiver into vertical antenna. Activity will be on various HF bands using mainly CW. QSLs will be sent automatically by the Bureau. For direct, send an E-mail request to: iw5ela@gmail.com

8Q, MALDIVES. Shinji, JF2SDR, will be active as 8Q7SD from Halaveli Island, Alifu Alifu Atoll, Maldiv Islands (AS-013) between September 20-25th. Activity will be holiday style on 30-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign.

CQ MAGAZINES NEWS (CQ White Paper: WWV in the Crosshairs). Rich Moseson, W2VU, CQ Editor, published the following interesting article (September 8th) on the WWV, WWVB and WWVH, situation called A CQ White Paper Analysis and Commentary on Issues Affecting Amateur Radio -- "Does Anybody Really Know What Time it Is?" - WWV in the Crosshairs at: <http://cqnewsroom.blogspot.com>

GR150, ENGLAND (Special Event). Look for special event station run by Terry Robinson, GM3WUX, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB). The station will be active mainly on CW with some SSB between October 1-28th, using all bands 160-4 meters, excluding 60 meters which is not permitted by the licence. A special QSL will be available. There will be a log search and OQRS facilities at <[www.g3swh.org.uk/gr150nib.html](http://www.g3swh.org.uk/gr150nib.html)> and all logs will be uploaded to both LoTW and ClubLog in due course.

INDEXA NEWS (Election Results for 2019 Fiscal Year). Dick Williams, W3OA, Secretary-Treasurer, announced the following results of the INDEXA election: \* Three Year Directors: Jerry Rosalius, WB9Z, was elected as a three year director to serve during the 2019, 2020, and 2021 fiscal years. Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Ralph Fedor, K0IR, are both three year directors previously elected to serve during the 2018, 2019, and 2020 fiscal years.

\* Two Year Directors: Lou Dietrich, N2TU, was elected as a two year director to serve during the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years. Franz Langner, DJ9ZB, and Gary Dixon, K4MQG, are both two year directors previously elected to serve during the 2018, and 2019 fiscal years.

\* One Year Directors: Steve Sullivan, KZ2I, Hal Turley, W8HC, and Otis Vicens, NP4G, were each elected as one year directors to serve during the 2019 fiscal year.

\* President: Bob Schenck, N200, was previously elected to serve during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

\* Vice President: John Scott, K8YC, was previously elected to serve during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

\* Secretary-Treasurer: Dick Williams, W3OA, was previously elected to serve during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

\* The Directors have now voted for the Fiscal Year 2019 Chairman and elected Ralph

Fedor, KØIR, to serve as Chairman.

Thanks for your continuing support of INDEXA and their purpose of working DX and making DX happen! INDEXA is always poised to support many of the "Most Wanted" DXpeditions.

73 and Good DX!

Dick Williams, W3OA, Secretary-Treasurer

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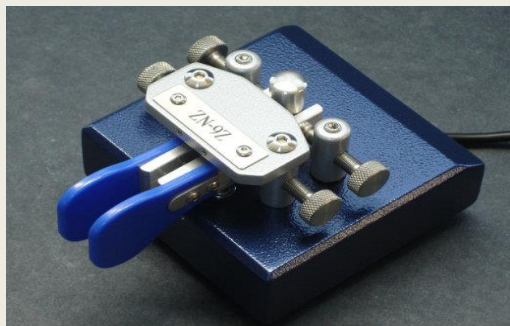
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